

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

Minutes of board meeting of 16 April 2008, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

Present: Niel Black, Shirley Faram, Graeme Charles, David Dinning, Tony O'Shea (Chairman) and David Griffiths (Secretary)

Apology: Dianne Batterham

1. Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting of 20 February 2008 be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
CARRIED

2. Co-operative Education

The board at its last meeting considered a report for the CCA on the Co-operative College prepared for the CCA's next meeting. This was approved for distribution and was distributed by the Secretary to CCA members. There was no response to this report.

The Co-operative College subsequently raised the possibility of CFV/Graeme Charles co-ordinating Co-operative College activities on behalf of the CCA. A supplementary paper proposing this as a possibility was circulated to the CCA. There was one response from Trent Bartlett – supporting the proposal.

3 College Brochure

The board agreed that work should proceed on the complementary CFV brochure which could be developed with the assistance of Substitution Pty. Ltd.

ACTION: Graeme Charles

4. australia.coop

David Griffiths reported that a sub-domain web site on health co-operatives is being developed on Australia.coop
<http://health.australia.coop>

5. Membership Survey

It was noted that the CCA meeting on 4 February 2008 had suggested that Federations survey their members to establish membership numbers. It was agreed that a brief survey on membership and other matters would be useful.

The Secretary prepare a brief survey and this was distributed to the board for consideration.

It was agreed that the survey should be redrafted to emphasise service provision by CFV for co-operatives e.g. director training.

It was agreed that the Secretary would revise the survey and distribute this to directors for further consideration.

ACTION: Secretary

6. Meeting with CFNSW

At the last board meeting Graeme Charles and Dianne Batterham reported on the meeting with the CFNSW on 14 December 2007.

Graeme Charles reported that he had met with Helen McCall on 14 April 2008:

The board of CFNSW was not interested in a merger but was interested in joint initiatives.

The retail co-operative workshop would proceed in Sydney, NSW hosted by the CCA between 21-25 July 2008.

CFNSW was interested in organizing in July 2008 a Co-operative College workshop Co-operative Directors of the Future.

CFNSW was willing to work with the Co-operative College through Graeme Charles.

7. Membership Subscriptions

It was noted that there had been a few additional membership subscriptions received since the last meeting – Amalgamated Taxis Wodonga Co-operative Limited (\$275), Co-operative Development Services Ltd (\$165) and the North East Telecommunications Co-operative (\$150)

8. Financial Statements

The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1 July 2007 – 14 February 2008 was noted with a cash balance as at 6 February 2008 as \$12,990.

That the financial statements for the period 1 July 2007 – 14 April 2008 be noted.

CARRIED

9. Indian Delegation

It was noted that a report on the visit with photographs was prepared by Graeme Charles and published on Australia.coop

11. CCA

It was noted that David Osgood, Secretary of the CCA, was retiring as Secretary.

It was noted that since the CCA had been formed in 1993 every State except Victoria had shared the Chairperson and Secretarial responsibilities.

It was agreed that CFV would be willing to undertake the Chairperson and Secretarial role for the CCA for the next two years but would be willing to put this on hold if for two years if Co-operativesWA wished to undertake this role.

ACTION: Chairman

The Secretary circulated copies of various correspondence to and from the CCA.

11. Co-operatives and Dairy Farmers

It was agreed at the last board meeting that N. Black would prepare a paper proposing that dairy farmers should only supply co-operatives and not supply other companies – including Fonterra which did not operate as a co-operative in Australia.

Graeme Charles subsequently prepared a news release on the issue and circulated this to the Chairman, NB and myself. This was approved by the Chairman. The news release was subsequently published as a front page story in The Weekly Times on 9 April 2008. On the 10 April 2008 the Secretary circulated to directors this summary of The Weekly Times article.

It was agreed:

A follow-up letter should be forwarded by the Chairman in response to Noel Campbell's comments. **ACTION:** Chairman

The independent expert advise that had identified co-operatives as the price setter. **ACTION:** Deputy Chairman

The UDV should conference in June 2008 should be encouraged to adopt a resolution urging dairy farmers to support co-operatives... **ACTION:** N. Black
A follow-up article should be prepared for the Australian Dairy Farmer.

ACTION: Deputy Chairman

Next Meeting: 10: 30. am, 16 July 2008, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

Prepared by David Griffiths: 27 April 2008

Approved by Tony O'Shea: 07 May 2008

Emailed or faxed to directors: 07 May 2008

Snail mailed to directors: 08 May 2008

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd
2008 Schedule of Board and AGM meetings

Board

Start time: 10:30am

Venue: Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

16 July 2008

15 October 2008

19 November 2008

AGM

11:30 am 19 November 2008